(b) whether Government also propose to introduce express and Mail train services in that region; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when this decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) At present there is no proposal to introduce additional train services or Rail Motor services on the Pathankot-Joginder nagar section due to operational and resource constraints.

Express train between Hyderabad and Goa

274. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce an express train between Hyderabad and Goa;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pune Railway Division

275. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
MISS MABEL REBALLO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pune Railway Division has not become fully functional till now;

(b) if so, how long it would take to make it functional; and

(c) whether necessary budgetary provision is being made for the purpose?

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RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Officer on Special Duty, Pune, is looking after the progress of the proposed new division.

(b) It will be developed in a phased manner.

(c) Budgetary provisions are being made as per the requirements based on phased planning.

Conversion of meter gauge sectors in Rajasthan

276. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to convert meter gauge rail lines from Rewari to Jaipur *via* Jhunjhunu Loharu to Churu, Churu to Sikar and Ringas to Rewari *via* Neem Ka Thana in Rajasthan into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, reasons therefor and the plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) A survey for conversion of these MG lines have already been completed and the survey report is under consideration.

Doubling laning of Konkan rail lines

277. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Konkan Railway which was meant to bring relief to the travellers of the Western India and few and very slow trains;

(b) if so, whether it is because of its being single track;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even Rajdhani Express is always late by a couple of hours; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to double this important line in the near future?